	1990	1991	1992
West Asia/North Africa	55.66	66.14	73.21
Japan/Baharain	5.94	15.55	32.05
U.S.A./Canada	4.60	11.01	12.03
Others	--	0.72	0.99
Total	148.99	193.41	230.86

Note: These exports are exclusive of incentives.

(b) No such complaint has been received by the Ministry of Commerce from any country.

Suggestion on Forming Trade Blocs

731. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion to form trading blocs of its own with Indonesia, Philippines and Singapore;

(b) if so, what are the details of the suggestion and what is the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken|likely to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) In a recent paper titled 'Export Promotion Strategy for India', FIEO has suggested that the possibilities of wokring out a strong trade|economic linkage with Indonesia|Philippines|Singapore should be explored.

India and ASEAN have established a sectoral dialogue covering such areas as trading, investment and tourism. The aim of this exercise is to promote tade and economic exchanges between the two sides within the multilateral trading system established under the GATT.

India prefers the multilateral to the regional approach because the former offers the greatest promise for expansion of world trade.

Import of Metals

732. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of copper brass and other metals imported during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether domestic consumption and import of copper, brass and other metals are steadily increasing;

(c) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to cope with the shortage of these metals; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to import the above metals during the year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a)

The total quantity of copper|brass and other metals imported during 1991-92, and 1992-93 (April '92—Jan. '93) has been as under :

Item	Year	Qty. in tonnes
Copper/brass	1991-92	131265
	1992-93 (April '92—Jan '93)	120831
Others Metals	1991-92	2607792
	1992-93 (April '92—Jan '93)	1765317

(b) Government does not maintain data of actual consumption of these metals. The above import figure would, however, show the import trend.

(c) and (d) Import of all ferrous and non-ferrous metals can be made freely under the liberalised Export and Import Policy.

Agricultural Export Turnover

733. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had projected a $ 5 billion agriculture exports turnover by the end of 1995-96, as reported in the Economic Times of the 2nd April, 1993;

(b) if so, what amount had been fetched in this regard during the year 1992-93 and how does it compare to 1991-92;

(c) what are the details of the steps Government propose to take for a stable Policy towards agriculture related exports and also the changes contemplated in this regard in export-import policy of 1992-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of export agricultural commodities (including plantation crops like tea and coffee, cotton and marine products) during 1991-92 and 1992-93 are given below :

Year	Export (US $ Million)
1991-92	3047
1992-93 (April—Jan) (Provisional)	2356

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)